

Lawndale Educational and Regional Network Charter School

Closing the Achievement Gap

Lawndale Educational and Regional Network (LEARN) Charter School, an Illinois 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is a proven provider of K-8 college preparatory education for traditionally underserved students. LEARN proposes to expand an existing K-8 charter school, LEARN 9 at 1200 W. Glen Flora Ave, Waukegan, Illinois, from 430 students to 600 students. Over three years, the requested funding would cover the operational expenses of the expansion, professional development and coaching for teachers, and classroom materials, equipment, and furnishings.

Objective #1: Expand enrollment at LEARN 9 from 430 students to 600 students, kindergarten through 8th grade, to serve more educationally disadvantaged students. With support from the charter management organization (CMO), LEARN 9 will enroll a total of 170 additional students, with an increased enrollment of 85 students in fall 2023 and another 85 students in Fall 2024. Proposed activities include recruiting new students and staff, hiring, furnishing and equipping new classrooms, staff onboarding, and professional development.

Objective #2: Substantially raise the percentage of LEARN 9's disadvantaged students who meet or exceed standards on state exams in English language arts and math. LEARN 9 students are 84.8% Hispanic, 12.2% Black, 52.8% English language learners, and 58.3% qualify for free or reduced-price lunch. With support from the CMO, LEARN 9 will accelerate the achievement of its students so that they are able meet or exceed state standards on the Illinois Assessment of Readiness. Proposed activities include planning and delivering professional development for teachers at the school and Network level, classroom observation and coaching to support teachers in learning new strategies, regular meetings for teachers at each grade level to analyze student data and use it to plan lessons and units, monthly school walkthroughs by the Network Academic team and school leaders to monitor progress and provide feedback, and quarterly analysis of student data by the Network and school leaders to plan school improvements.

State:

Illinois

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3 Years

Year 1 Funding:

\$348,062

Total Expected Funding:

\$698,219

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